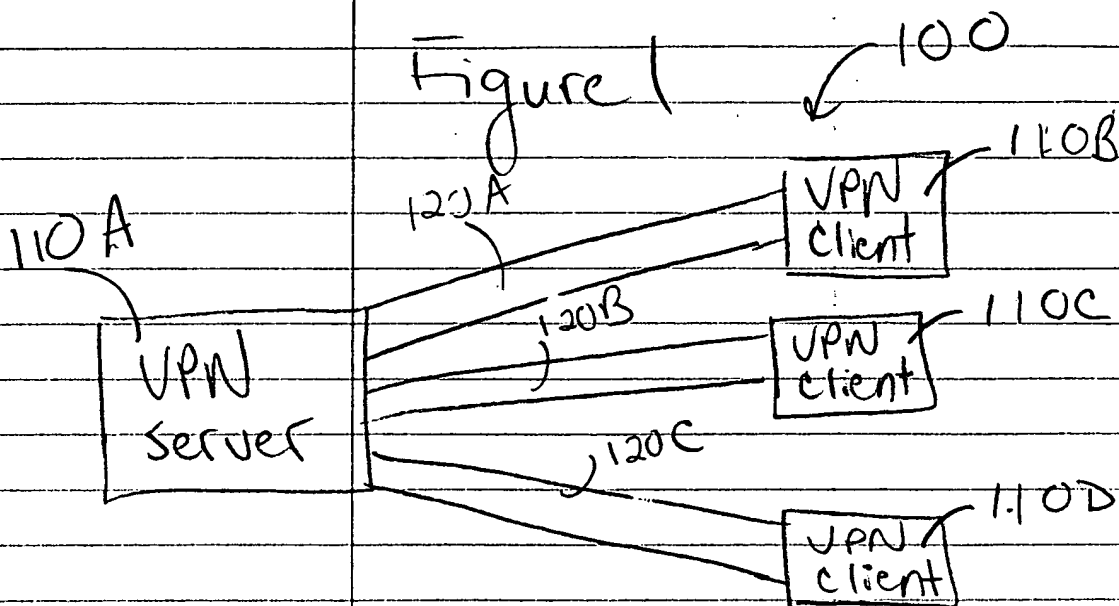


Figure 1



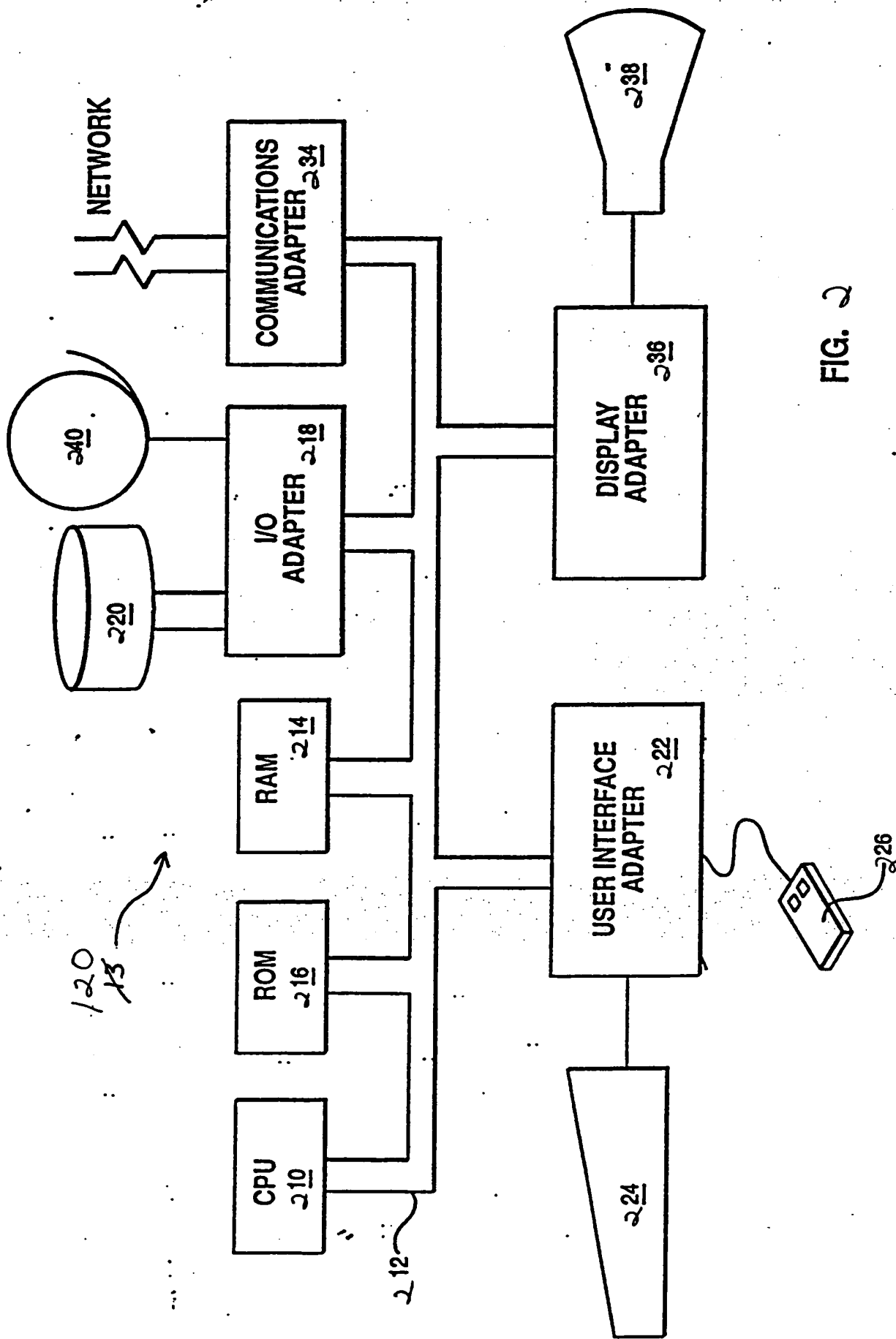


FIG. 2

Figure 3

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Configuring a group database in a server node, where the group database comprises a group name and a list of members associated with the group name

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Configuring a rules database in the server node, where the rules database associates the group name with a particular security policy, where the server node has the same security policy for each of the plurality of tunnels associated with the group name

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Configuring a tunnel definition database in the server node, where a remote ID in the tunnel definition is defined as the group name, where the server node has the same tunnel definition for each of the plurality of tunnels associated with the group name

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Activating a particular tunnel of the plurality of tunnels associated with the group name, where the particular tunnel is associated with a particular member of the group name

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Transferring data across the particular tunnel

Figure 4

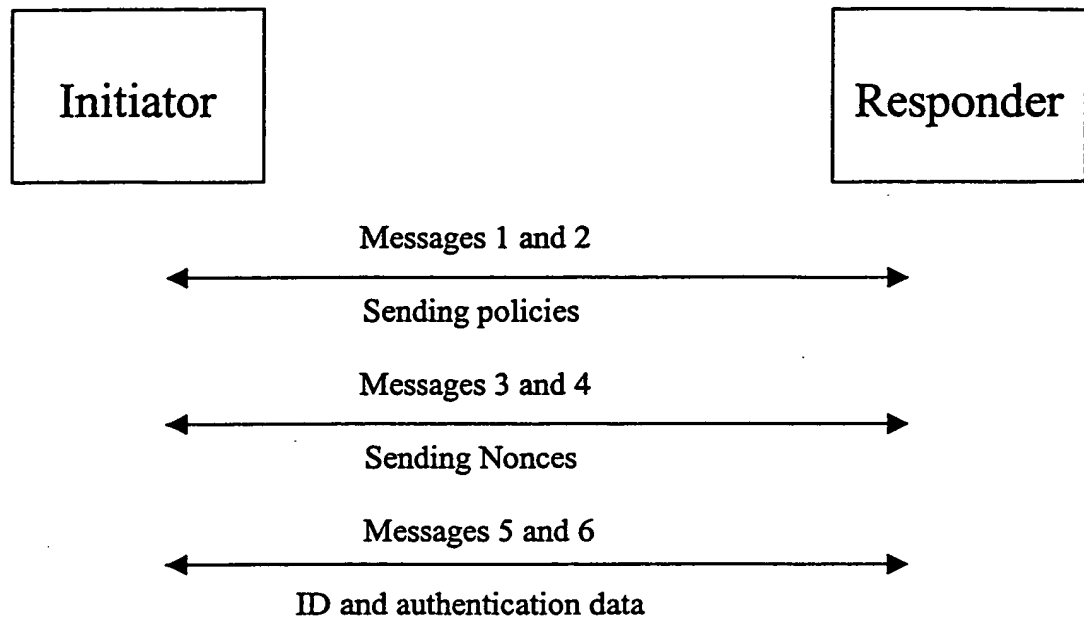


Figure 5

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Group Name	Member IDs	Member ID Type
VPNA	joe@hotmail.com	user@FQDN
	alice@hotmail.com	user@FQDN

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Remote ID	Remote ID Type	Security Policy Pointer
VPNA	Group	High-Security
VPNB	Group	Medium-Security

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Local ID	Local ID Type	Remote ID	Remote ID Type
12.XX.XX	IPv4_addr	VPNA	Group